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Lilies of the Field

ing on the banks of the Sea of Galilee, native boys gather windflowers, known as the "Lilies of the Field" to which Jesus referred: sider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his was not arrayed like one of these" (Matt. 6:28-29)

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Tenth PLC Confirmation Class

The seventeen confirmands and three pastors are: front row, Alphild Skonberg, the Rev. Kelmer N. Roe, Roxie King; second row, Janet Miller, Peggy Logan, Shirley Morgan, Joan Backstrom; third row, Margaret Ambuehl, Carol Odegard, Dr. E. B. Steen, Dr. S. C. Eastvold, John Reay; fourth row, John Osburn, Glenn Werner, Robert Brog, Dale Keller, Terrance Brown, Donald Koessler, Tore Nielsen. Jann Robinson is not on the picture.

The tenth confirmation class from Pacific Lutheran College was confirmed the evening of May 24 in Trinity Lutheran Chapel, Parkland, Washington. Dr. S. C. Eastvold preached the sermon, Dr. E. B. Steen conducted the liturgical service, and the Rev. Kelmer N. Roe conducted the rites of Holy Baptism and confirmation.

The students had their parts too. The class president, Tore Nielsen, expressed the gratitude of the class to those who took part in the service, and he noted with pleasure that Trinity Chapel was filled to capacity. Glenn Werner, elected by the class, gave a meditation on the Aaronic benediction. Herbert Neve and Eleanor Hanson sang a vocal duet. Alan Hatlen presented the cross and crown pins from the Lutheran Students' Association. And the ushers were students from the college: Paul Wangsmo, Alvin Fink, Dick Brown, Lloyd Eastman.

Professor Anne E. Knudson and Miss Naomi had charge of the reception. They served a hun and fifty relatives and friends of the confirman the Friendship Room of Trinity Parish House. S. C. Eastvold and Mrs. Magnus Nodtvedt poure coffee.

This is the tenth college confirmation class i past ten semesters: 116 students have been confi into the Lutheran Church, 63 men and 53 wome the 116 students, 45 were baptized. The next clas start September 28.

Five students have already volunteered their to enter the next class. The confirmands and students also encourage the unbaptized and the church member to take confirmation instruction

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t Surprises Me!

E. G. Larson

hat is what the senior member of the Board of eacons said on repeated occasions: "It surprises me!" ow, he was not a senior member of the Board just cause he had served so long that the congregation ted him to the position of "honorary deacon for life" r that he was now retired as judge of probate, but cause of his interest in the spiritual life of the con-egation and because he has taken a very active part in e promotion of the spiritual life of the church, having rved for twenty-five years as Sunday school super-tendent.

The pastor had been wondering just what to suggest r the program which was offered by the Department Evangelism, "A Crusade of Prayer" from Easter to ntecost. After the mid-week services during Lent, ould there be a going back to the mid-week Bible udy or prayer fellowship? Should he use Hallesby's ok on *Prayer* for study from Easter to Pentecost? hen he said to himself, after much thought and prayer, am going to suggest to the Board of Deacons that e try the 'cottage meeting' idea." He wasn't too sure ow the Board would respond to the plan, but he pre-nted it as he thought it should be tried.

Several years ago the congregation had been divided to four areas over which each member of the Board Deacons served as area shepherd. Each area was vided into zones so that there is now a total of 27 nes in the congregation. The Board appointed shep-rds for each zone, giving them certain responsibilities ch as reporting illnesses, deaths, new people moving to the zone, and general promotion of the work of e congregation at special times when some special fort was being emphasized in the congregation such the special Lenten services, Spiritual Life Emphasis eek, and so forth.

hen the pastor suggested to the Board that an attempt made to set up a cottage meeting in each of the zones m Easter to Pentecost, all the deacons, mentally at st, shook their heads because "this was too ambitious program to try in this congregation." But the pastor insisted that the program be tried, and it was agreed that zone shepherds were to be called and that they were to decide on the program.

At the meeting with the zone shepherds there was again the shaking of the head at the plan. A few of the shepherds stayed away for fear that they would be involved in "a prayer meeting" in which they might be forced to take part. Some of the shepherds suggested when they had heard the program, "Can't this be in church?" "Let's call them Pentecost services." "I don't think the people are going to come out to the homes." But when the pastor asked for a show of hands of how many of the shepherds would be willing to act as leaders in their respective zones, the response was that most of the shepherds present were willing to try. As a result of this meeting, nineteen homes were opened the first week. If it did not work out, then they would have to consolidate into fewer places or probably go back to the church. It was a trial.

There was much prayer in the congregation that this effort might be to the glory of God and that the program might work. Questions were prepared on *Prayer* by Dr. Hallesby. These were mimeographed and distributed to the entire parish through the parish paper. The time for the first "try" was set for Wednesday evening. Wednesday evening came. It was a beautiful spring evening with a stillness in the atmosphere. "What is going to happen to the cottage meetings tonight?" was the question of many, including the senior member of the Board of Deacons. "Are there many who will come out?"

Five minutes before the time set one front door after the other opened and husband and wife came out with Bibles under their arms. They were going to their neighbor for the cottage meeting. This was just down the block a short way, and so they all walked. A beautiful sight to behold!

On Sunday morning a report was given in the pastor's announcements that there had been 182 in attendance the first week of cottage meetings. An attendance report was made each week. The largest attendance was 221. The place of the cottage meetings in each area was announced in the Sunday bulletin as the place was changed from week to week within the area. In nearly 100 different homes there had been one or more cottage meetings; neighbors gathered with a lay leader for Bible

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study on prayer. Each question on the study sheet had a Bible reference where the answer might be found. Said one elderly woman, "This is more fun than working out a cross-word puzzle, to fill in the answer sheet from the Bible." Here was something they could do. And when they got together they came prepared to talk about "religion"; they had been in their Bibles as they worked out the answers. They did not have to be tongue-tied now. There was a live discussion as they sat around the table or in the living room wit neighbor who had been asked to be the mo The pastor visited a different group each week. not lead. This was done by the layfolks in the gation.

"Would it not be a good thing to try this in again?" questioned some. "I have gotten a lot o fit from these meetings." Again was heard the mation of the senior deacon, "It surprises me!"

Our Sister Churches

National Lutheran Council News

Lutheran Free Church

Further action was urged by the 57th annual conference of the Lutheran Free Church, meeting in Minneapolis June 10-14, on proposals for possible participation of the 60,000-member group in a projected merger with three other Lutheran church bodies.

The conference heard reports on merger negotiations with the American Lutheran Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, and recommended that the reports "be discussed in our church press and in meetings on local and district levels."

The proposal, as reported by the church body's subcommittee on polity, is that in the merged Church the congregations now belonging to the LFC would be constituted as a "non-geographical conference," and that the LFC would be permitted to support its present two schools and to continue its own home missions work.

In most other areas of general church activity, however, the present LFC activities "would be completely integrated with those of the merged Church, on an equitable and mutually agreed basis."

The sub-committee's report stressed that Lutheran churches seeking union "must lay continuing emphasis upon the wise combination of unity in teaching with liberty in forms of organization and service."

It stated that the application of such principles to the Lutheran merger now being considered "can make a worthy contribution toward this goal and bring us one step farther on the way toward a practical unification of all the Lutheran Churches in America." The conference reiterated the Lutheran Free Church's position in favor of extending the Federal Social Security Program to include members of the clergy, and voted that a resolution expressing that viewpoint be submitted to Congress.

Plans were approved for creating a full-time LFC Director of Stewardship office, and the Rev. Forrest T. Monson of Grand Forks, N. D., was named l office for a three-year term. Mr. Monson was elected secretary of the church body.

Dr. John Stensvaag, newly elected Dean of A Theological Seminary, was elected vice-presiden LFC to succeed the Rev. Clarence J. Carlsen of apolis, who served as vice-president for twelve

The present term of the president, Dr. T. C tvedt, does not expire before next year. Dr. B has served as president of the LFC since 1930.

The conference approved $38,392.44 as the allocation to Lutheran World Action for 1953.

A proposal that the conference go on record ing the Revised Standard Version of the Bi recommending it for use in the church body's gations was deferred after discussion on the substitute proposal which would "encourage us RSV version among the people of our Churc referred for study by the board of administrat for report to next year's annual conference.

Among the speakers at the conference was D Mortensen, a Lutheran Free Church missiona recently returned from China, where he spe years and eight months under Communist rule ing two years under house arrest.

He warned the conference that America sh ognize the Chinese Communist regime only if it by deeds" that it has no further aggressive in and added that he "wouldn't be a bit surprised" a truce is reached in Korea, China uses its t Indochina, Thailand, and Malaya.

In a resolution adopted by the conference the stressed that the church body "shares in the over the world situation, and regards it as a c to the Church and individual Christians to w the power of the Gospel to regenerate lives and such social conditions as will further the spre the Gospel.

"Therefore," the conference stated, "there is

nge to us to participate in the civic and social life in rder to further the well being of our own and other eople."

Dr. Bernhard M. Christensen, president of LFC-supported Augsburg College at Minneapolis, told the conference of a decision by the college's administration not to permit folk dancing as a part of the recreational program, adding that the college has always forbidden social dancing, but the decision about folk dances was made "in the presence of considerable difference of opinion among both faculty and students."

In debate on the conference floor it was stressed that folk dancing might become a first step toward social dancing, long opposed as not suitable in church-supported schools, and the college's decision was endorsed in a resolution expressing confidence in the faculty and board of trustees.

The conference recommended further study "of what is appropriate Christian recreation," and added that it should be kept in mind "that we never introduce anything into the recreational program of the school that will lower the high standard of spiritual and moral life which we are seeking to uphold in a day characterized by increasing pressures of secularism."

United Evangelical Lutheran Church

Dr. Hans C. Jersild was elected to his second three-year term as president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church at the opening of its 57th annual convention, held in Atlantic, Iowa, June 16-21.

(In 1950, Dr. Jersild was elected to a four-year term, to include the one year remaining of the unexpired term of the late Dr. N. C. Carlsen, who served as president of the UELC for 25 years until his death early in 1950. This was later changed to the regular three-year term, however, as the church council, acting on legal advice, ruled the motion for a four-year term out of order.)

In his presidential report to the 80 pastors and 240 lay delegates representing 181 congregations, Dr. Jersild said the church body now has a baptized membership of 51,640. Contributions for all causes last year totaled $1,926,984.61 or about $58 per confirmed member, he added.

Reporting that twelve new churches were dedicated last year and four new home mission congregations were organized, he added that much interest has been shown in home missions by members of the church body.

Low interest loans to start the first building units in the new mission churches have been offered by several individual members of the Church, Dr. Jersild said.

The convention here officially admitted four new congregations into the UELC. It approved the planned contributions of the church body to Lutheran World Action: $28,298 for 1953, and $28,012 for 1954.

The delegates also voted to pay the church body's proportionate part of the $1,750,000 Student Center program of the National Lutheran Council, for which the money shall be raised over the next six years, and adopted a resolution urging the National Lutheran Council to establish a permanent Lutheran immigrations service.

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FACULTY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

William H. K. Narum

Approximately 15 Lutherans were among the nearly 110 faculty members attending the First National Conference of the Faculty Christian Fellowship at Park College, Parkville, Mo., June 18-23. Christian professors were in attendance from scores of colleges and universities, and representing numerous Protestant denominations. Of the fifteen Lutherans, including professors who are members of the ULCA, Missouri Synod, ELC, etc., six were from ELC colleges. These were Sherman Hoslett, Luther (Biology), Stanley L. Olsen, Augustana (Philosophy, Religion), and Kenneth Bjork (History), Harold Ditmanson (Religion), Howard V. Hong (Philosophy), and William H. K. Narum (Philosophy, Religion)—all from St. Olaf. At a business meeting of the conference Dr. Hong was elected recording secretary of the executive committee.

The theme of the conference was: The Responsibility of the Christian Professor in the Academic Community. Outstanding speakers such as the following addressed various meetings: J. V. Langmead Casserley (Dogmatics, General Theological Seminary, New York), Theodore M. Greene (Philosophy, Yale), Daniel D. Williams (Theology, Chicago Theological Seminary), E. Harris Harbison (History, Princeton), Alexander Miller (Humanities, Stanford), T. S. K. Scott-Craig (Philosophy, Dartmouth), James C. McLeod (Dean of Students, Northwestern), and others. Discussions were held on basic Christian affirmations, and seminars dealt with the relation of Christianity to the three basic divisions, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences.

The purpose of the FCF is to form a fellowship, not a club or organization, of men and women who proclaim their Christian faith not only as private citizens but also as academicians. It seeks to carry out a program of fellowship and discussion among professors regarding teaching as a Christian vocation, opportunities for developing the whole life of the academic community, and the implications of the Christian faith for the various curricular disciplines. A national conference will be held once every three or four years, and regional conferences are planned for intervening years.

The chairman of the fellowship for the past year and

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EDITORIALS

It Isn't Sin

What follows has to do with the merger negotiations and with the attitude toward merger within The Evangelical Lutheran Church as it appears to the editor at this point. We are coming to the conclusion that one of the most useful functions an official church paper can perform in the whole Lutheran unity area is to help keep the discussion throughout the Church on a somewhat even keel. It is the editor's prayer that what we are writing now may work toward that end.

A beloved Bible teacher among us a short generation ago was frequently heard to pray, "God, keep us in the middle of the road." He was not praying for an attitude of compromise; he was praying for an attitude of understanding. On important subjects it is so easy to feel deeply, sometimes to the point of impatience with those whose views do not completely coincide with ours; sometimes even to the point of intolerance.

By and large, we do not believe that we have reached that point in regard to the proposed merger. Consistent readers of this paper know that the editor has rather feared that there is too much indifference, which is the exact opposite. Nevertheless, we are becoming aware of sufficient lack of mutual understanding of each other among certain groups so that we believe that it is justifiable to make the following points. If there is a certain amount of "exaggeration for effect" in what we have to say, that too, we believe, is justifiable.

The title of this editorial is the first instance of such exaggeration. A sound theologian could quite easily demonstrate that "sin" is too strong a word to use. We desire to make three points, and we shall use the word "sin" in connection with all of them. Here they are:
(1) It is not sin to be in favor of the projected merger.
(2) It is not sin to be opposed to the projected merger.
(3) It is not sin to be neutral regarding the projected merger, at least at present.

To Be in Favor of Merger

There are people in the ELC who are definitely committed to the idea that the merger should come. While it may be true that some of them in their enthusiasm are a bit lacking in realism in that they may not have taken the trouble to examine carefully enough everything which is involved in and implied by organic merger, it is their conviction that the ELC should merge with its sister synods. Then there are those who, strictly realistically, have come to the same conclusion. Having examined the whole matter prayerfully and wi they are convinced that the proposed merger wil the ELC, in a new incarnation, as part of a ne to fulfill its God-given destiny better. We have to believe that these two groups which favor the are growing. The writer of these lines prides hi belonging to the second of the two and believes is a carefully considered conviction.

But now come some who say, "You haven't a favor the merger. You are trying to ram so down the throat of the ELC that the ELC doesn Who gave you the authority to help 'preside at solution' of your Church?" In other words, "It favor the merger."

The most exaggerated example of this point which has come to us in our office is a letter certain pastor of our Church. Some months wrote us a tirade (that word is not too strong) i he attempted to crucify every one who had sp written in favor of the projected merger. He se be laboring under the delusion that there was spiracy among the executive leadership of the C force the ELC into something it did not want. all of us, clergy and lay alike, who had com conviction that the projected merger is pleasing were guilty of sin.

So we want to emphasize: It is not sin to be of merger.

To Be Opposed to Merger

In the second place, we believe that it is tim with a loud voice, "It isn't sin to be opposed merger." There are those in the ELC (we way of knowing how many) who simply cann themselves to believe that the merger is good. T position is in varying degree, running all the w those who are violently opposed to those who j not been able to see that the merger offers worthwhile for our Church.

One may disagree with them, of course. But t which must be emphasized is that they commi by their opposition. If it is an opposition which on sincere conviction, it would rather be sin if holding those convictions did *not* let his oppo known.

But we do find people who will not give o of merger the right to hold and speak their co

We think of the experience of one good brother who, as matter of fact, is very enthusiastic about the merger. n a public address he did voice certain fears he had bout the merger. The result? He was then and there ttacked as an isolationist, an obstructionist—as a deep-dyed sinner indeed.

So we emphasize: It is not sin to be opposed to the merger.

To Be Neutral

Finally, we can see no particular wrong in having delayed a personal decision in the matter. We do believe that the time is coming when it is going to be very difficult for a good churchman or churchwoman of the ELC to maintain "a place on the fence." As the plans for the projected church body unfold; as discussion becomes more general; as the ELC comes to the time of saying a final yes or no, we doubt whether its members can continue neutral.

But that time of final decision has not yet been reached. In the meanwhile, there are thousands of members of our Church who are undecided. They read what they can about the projected merger; they discuss it with their fellow church members. They pray about it, try to think it through as Christians.

There is nothing wrong about that. In fact, there is a great deal to be said for a slow and cautious approach to such an important subject. It isn't sin to be neutral.

The Middle of the Road

So this is a plea, unabashed and unashamed, for a temperate, sane, considerate attitude in the whole matter of the merger. As a Church, we have walked along together for a good many years. Subjects of general church concern have come up time and again. On a number of occasions opinion has been sharply divided. But we have always tried to understand one another, have always attempted to settle our points of difference objectively as before the Lord. That's what has made us strong. Let's do that now too, shall we?

The District Conventions

PACIFIC DISTRICT

Reported by MILTON NESVIG

Powerful challenges for greater stewardship to insure continued growth of the Kingdom program highlighted the Pacific district convention held at Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Washington, June 8 to 11.

Stirring messages centered about the stewardship theme were given by district pastors and by five synodical leaders from Minneapolis. The E.L.C. leaders who gave reports and messages were Dr. Philip S. Dybvig, home missions director; Dr. Magnus Dahlen, charities secretary; the Rev. Raymond M. Olson, stewardship director; the Rev. Conrad M. Thompson, evangelism director; and the Rev. O. H. Hove, general secretary.

Reports showed that the district gave 129.7 per cent of its budget allocation in 1952. The 104 congregations increased membership by 8.37 per cent, making a total of 39,749 members. Dr. Dybvig reported that 53 new churches have been established on the Pacific Coast in the last nine years, and that these congregations have shown a net gain of 58 members per church per year.

The district welcomed three new churches into membership: Terrace Heights, Yakima, Wash., Edmund Olson, pastor; St. Timothy, Rainier Beach, Seattle, S. E. Vevang, pastor; and Good Shepherd, Madras, Ore., Vernon E. Holte, pastor.

Dr. H. L. Foss, president, announced that two churches will be started this summer, one at Tacoma (Highlands district) and the other in Sweet Home, Ore. The Rev. Oliver Everette has accepted a call to the latter field.

Meeting as the Pacific Lutheran College Association, the district authorized the construction of two dormitories at a total cost of $925,000. Excavation for a men's dormitory, housing 125 students at a cost of $475,000, has

Chaplain M. Carroll Anderson tells Pastor Norval Hegland of Teller, Alaska, and Pastor Raymond M. Olson, stewardship director of the ELC, of his experiences in the chaplaincy.

been begun. It is expected that the other structure, a $450,000 dormitory for 112 women students, will be started later this year.

Meeting on the PLC campus for the first time since 1931, the district took cognizance of the remarkable growth of the institution in recent years, and officially commended Dr. S. C. Eastvold, president, for his leadership. Dr. Eastvold was given congratulations upon the completion of 10 years as head of the school.

Elections results follow: the Rev. A. J. Knutzen, vice-president; the Rev. Arnold F. Anderson, secretary; the Rev. Joseph Luthro, assistant secretary; the Rev. J. L. Moilien, treasurer; the Rev. Olaf Anderson, stewardship director; and the Rev. Harold Aalbue, parish education director. President Foss's current term expires in 1955.

Home missions committee: the Rev. Moilien, Clifford Wold, Seattle; the Rev. A. Martin Eidbo; Mr. James Phillips, Silverton, Ore.; the Rev. Stanley Gunsten.

Mr. Vernon Haroldson, Seattle, was elected to the church council. His alternate is Mr. Rudy Reinartson, Hines, Ore. The Rev. Arnold W. Nelson and Mr. Henry Torvend, Salem, Ore., were selected for the ELC Board of Review.

Lutheran Co-ordinating Committee: the Rev. O. K. Davidson, the Rev. Clifford Larson, Mr. Morris Torvik, Seattle, and Mr. Harold Larson, Silverton, Ore.

District Choral Union: the Rev. K. G. Egertson, director; Dr. Walter Schnackenberg, Parkland, assistant; the Rev. Alfred Karlstad, president; Mrs. Ted Landsen, Molalla, Ore., vice-president; the Rev. Ragnar Teigen, secretary.

A total of 197 pastors and delegates were in attendance. The group voted unanimously to hold the 1955 convention at PLC.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Reported by P. N. OKLEVIK

The California District of The Evangelical Lutheran Church met in convention at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 370 Junipero Avenue, Long Beach, California, the Rev. Arnold Nelson, pastor, May 25 to 28, 1953.

Our Savior's Church is most adequately equipped to be the host to such a convention; and the kind hospitality of both the local pastor and his congregation made the 119 registered members of the convention and the visiting public most favorably impressed. Added to this was the beautiful California sunshine which made the noon hour patio lunch a most pleasant time of fellowship. The ladies of the church served delicious luncheons, which were shared with the members of the Women's Missionary Federation Convention meeting simultaneously at the Long Beach Methodist church two blocks away.

The convention opened Monday evening, Ma eight o'clock with the observance of Holy Com Pastor Gaylerd Falde, district president, gave t fessional address. He was assisted in the Com service by both the local pastor and the district

The official opening of the convention follow district president's report, the local pastor's w welcome, and committee appointments.

The sessions were held at ten A.M. and tw each day, with joint inspirational services in t ning, which were open to the general public.

The forenoon sessions opened with Bible stud Book of Revelation led by Pastor R. A. Ramse Nuys, California.

The convention had the pleasure of welcomi Rev. O. H. Hove, general secretary of the EL addressed the convention on the topic: "An O Church Moves Together," stressing the inc Christian's work in the congregation, as well united effort of the congregation as a corporat We need to stand together, he stated, and he lif vision to our united tasks in the Church. H touched upon the current merger negotiation other Lutheran bodies.

The Rev. Raymond Olson, stewardship secre the ELC, spoke to the convention on the topic Commissions His Church." Proclaiming Christ people in the changing conditions of American the task that confronts us. A commission carr through the channels of the Church. The great m wealth of our country presents unlimited possi we must seek to utilize these resources for the of carrying out the commission that God gave individual believers and as a Church.

The Home Mission Department of our Chur represented by the Rev. T. A. Thompsen, a director of home missions. His topic: "Seekin Saving in Jerusalem and Judea." Emphasis was on community evangelism and on the basic pri of the Home Mission Department.

Parish education was discussed by one of the of the district, the Rev. Walter Gravrock, who parish education director of the district. "Seekin Saving the Young" was his topic. He stated th devil's focal point of attack in seeking to destroy work on earth has always been the child. T equally true in our day.

The executive secretary of the Department of C the Rev. Magnus Dahlen, spoke to the convent "Seeking and Serving With the Arm of Love lifted our vision to the great tasks before us Department of Charities.

The address by Dr. Rolf Syrdal, executive secre Foreign Missions, inspired the convention as he

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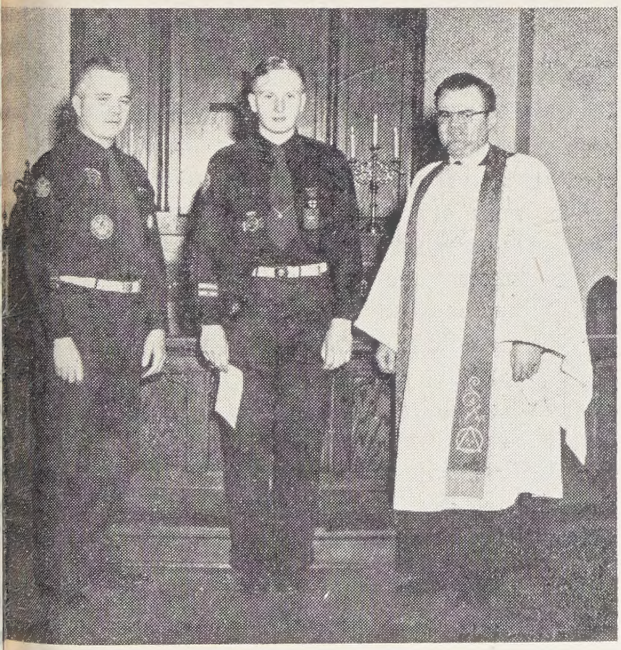
Boys' Work in the E.L.C.

Loren M. Ness
National Director

TEXAS SCOUT HONORED WITH CHURCH AWARD

Twenty-four Scouts and four adult leaders participated in the ceremony of presentation of the Pro Deo et Patria award to First Class Scout Raldo Lee Stewart, Troop 56, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Arlington, Texas. Prince of Peace is the youngest congregation of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Texas. Work was started in this community by Pastor Warren K. Sigwalt in May of last year. A Boy Scout troop was begun in October of 1952. and the growth has been rapid. It had grown from three boys in October to 75 in April. The attendance at meetings averages 90 per cent. The Scoutmaster is A. E. Wasserman.

APPLETON SCOUT GIVEN AWARD



Star Scout Harold Nicholson, Jr., was awarded the Pro Deo et Patria medal at worship services at Zion Lutheran in Appleton, Minn., by the Rev. P. B. Wold, pastor of the congregation. Harold is the third member of Zion Lutheran to be thus recognized. The others, Jerry Hanson and John Holtey, served as color bearers for the ceremony. Pictured are Elmer Aagesen, Explorer Post Advisor; Harold, and Pastor Wold.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

On Scout Sunday, four Explorer Scouts from Troop 30, Como Park Lutheran, St. Paul, received their Pro Deo et Patria awards. They are, left to right, Ray Neitzel, Donald Mitsch, Richard Hagerman, and Roger Davidson. Also shown are Scoutmaster Herb Moon and Pastor Otto E. Schmitt. Another fine group. Congratulations!

COLORADO CHURCH TEAM

Shown above is a photo of the junior basketball team of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs. This team of 7-8-9 grade students competed in the Church League, representing the smallest church entering the competition, and emerged third in a group of eleven teams. They won the League Sportsmanship trophy. Orrin Applen and Wayne Dahl were co-captains of the team, which was coached by Bob Burke. The Rev. Dean C. Hofstad is pastor of Our Savior's. . . . Front row (l. to r.): Orrin Applen, Wayne Dahl, Lee Larson, Wayne Kleinstiver. Second row (l. to r.): Gary Bartlett, Gary Summers (student manager), Bob Olson. Third row (l. to r.): Peter Broms, Roger Erickson, Roger Lundstrom. (Absent) Eric Kleinstiver, Wayne Radack.

You Are a Steward

Harold B. Kildahl

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
August 2, 1953
Text: Luke 16:1-9

On first glance at this parable it might appear that our Lord was offering commendation to the shrewd and evil manipulations of an evil man. But it isn't so. The parable offers the commendation, not of the Lord, but of the steward's master, who, though recognizing the evil cunning of the man, yet admired the skillful way in which he quickly cared for his own security against the evil day of reckoning.

The parable teaches Christian stewardship.

Now there can be no denying the fact that stewardship, in the proper sense, is the whole burden of the Gospel, for life—the Christian life—is the sum total of man's relationship to God through Jesus Christ. The song, "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee," is exactly right, for it offers the Christian counsel on his life's relationship to the Lord.

Thus, from this parable one learns that he is a steward. You are a steward. That is a statement on which we will all agree, a point on which all of us will vote yea. But it isn't that simple. If a man is a steward of God, it must follow that he will not be satisfied to get by on the minimum of either gifts or service. It follows that he will not be content to go along in life from year to year living a kind of anonymous life in the Church, rejecting all opportunities of service, giving the smallest possible gift, accepting the blessings of God and returning only a very small portion to God. Still, there are many who do these things. If the Christian is a steward, then it follows that the gifts of God must be used well.

There is something incongruous about the Christian man who speaks well, prays well, and who parades piety quite well, who at the same time dodges, skips, avoids fulfillment of stewardship responsibilities. In his heart there can be only a minimum regard for the love of God in Christ Jesus who gave Himself wholly, without restraint, to redeem the life of the Christian man.

Christians should bear in mind that there comes a day of reckoning, not only at the end of all things but from day to day. The judgments of God will be pronounced not only then; but by deeds and responses from day to day, the judgment is recorded along life's way. The minimum gift is a judgment. The minimum service is a judgment, self imposed, which can only have negative effects in the final judgment.

Christ gave Himself—and Christians know they must first give themselves to the Lord, for where treasure is there will hearts be also. Amen.

Faculty Christian Fellowship

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also for the next year is Kirtley F. Mather, H (Geology). The chairman of the executive com this past year was George F. Thomas, Princeton gion), and for the next year will be E. Harris Ha Princeton (History). Vice-chairman is Werner Bö Michigan State (Humanities), and recording sec as aforementioned, Howard V. Hong, St. Olaf ophy). Executive secretary of the FCF is Dr. ward Dirks. Besides the executive committee th continuing committee, a much larger commit signed to represent all curricular disciplines an in the country. Included on that committee f ELC college is Arnold Flaten, St. Olaf (Art).

On one occasion during the conference the Lu present met to discuss the advisability of formin theran faculty fellowship on the order of the I include professors in Christian, state, and priv versities and colleges. (The Lutheran Faculties ence includes only church colleges.) The decis to avoid any national meeting of such a group encourage regional meetings if possible. The gr favored strong endorsement of the FCF and parti of Lutheran faculty members in it.

At a regional meeting of the North Central Stanley Olsen of Augustana was selected as So kato representative, and William Narum of S Minnesota representative, for planning next year Central regional conference of the FCF.

District Conventions

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on the great persecutions that are now testin elect in several of our foreign mission fields.

The work of Evangelism was discussed by the pastors of the district, the Rev. Merle Tollefs is the director of evangelism in the Golden cuit. His topic was: "Into the Highways and

At the evening inspirational services the sec third day of the convention, in joint session, vention had the privilege of hearing again our former district president, Dr. H. L. Foss, pre the Pacific District. It was a real inspiration a ing to have this man, who was head of the before the present California district was form to speak to us.

The usual business of the convention was c throughout the session. Among several import lutions and decisions considered was the n calling a full time worker to direct parish in the district. It was decided that such a worker be called.

Meditations for the Family Altar

Joel Njus

TOWARD THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Epistle: I Corinthians 12:2-11

The Gospel: Luke 19:41-48

Monday, August 3
REPAID OR BLESSED
Read Luke 14:12-14

"But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you."

Making out a guest list for a dinner is often a rather delicate matter. The usual procedure is to invite one's friends, relatives, and neighbors. If the list can be made to include some rich and distinguished people, so much the better. It will give the occasion more prestige. For each guest, there is a valid reason for the invitation. Does this have a familiar ring to you?

Jesus says this is not the right method to use in making up a guest list. For in proceeding in this way, you run the danger of being repaid in kind by man, rather than to be blessed by God. Jesus also gives you a sample guest list. If you are on the alert, you will follow His suggestions and find the joy of giving where there is no risk of earthly repayment which can rob you of the blessing of God on the cheerful giver.

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Tuesday, August 4
COUNT THE COST
Read Luke 14:15-35

"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?"

Every age has seen men who have begun to build what they were not able to finish. What lonelier sight is there than a partially completed building that has been abandoned. It marks the failure of somebody's plans, the end of somebody's dream, the crushing of somebody's hopes. As men pass it, they say, "He had big plans, all right, but he didn't have the means to carry them out."

Foolish the man who starts to build without counting the cost. He is headed straight for trouble. Foolish the man who says, "I will follow Jesus," and who has not counted the cost. He is headed straight for trouble. Also in the religious realm, people can "be swept off their feet." But it is not thus Jesus would gain followers. He calls, but even as He calls, He says, "Count the cost."

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Wednesday, August 5
WHEN HEAVEN IS GLAD
Read Luke 15:1-10

"Even so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

The two words that occur over and over again in these two short parables are "rejoice" and "joy." In both stories the reason for rejoicing is that what was lost has been found. Jesus takes this common experience of joy in finding again something that has been lost to explain why it was that He received sinners and ate with them. But more than that, He uses the parables to explain how God feels when a sinner repents. The heart of God is made happy when a lost soul is saved. The angels in heaven shout for joy when a single sinner repents. Who could ever think God regards you and me so highly, if Jesus Himself had not told us it is so? And we know it is so, for did He not send His own Son to die on the Cross for our salvation? Great was the pain Jesus endured for us and great the joy when the lost is found

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Thursday, August 6
THE FORGIVING FATHER
Read Luke 15:11-32

"But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him."

We are acquainted with this story under the name of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. This name tends to suggest that the Prodigal Son is the principle character in the story and that its purpose is to illustrate the consequences of sin in his life. The story does, of course, present the results of sin, and the Prodigal Son is one of the principal characters. But the real hero of the story is not the son, but the father. The purpose of the story is not so much to illustrate the effects of sin in life, as to tell how God forgives the sinner and rejoices in his salvation. It is rather the story of the forgiving father than the parable of the prodigal son. It tells us that God is sad when we are away from Him, is waiting for us to come back, graciously receives him who comes, and rejoices when one who was dead is made alive. God is the Forgiving Father.

Friday, August 7
MORE ZEALOUS THAN WE
Read Luke 16:1-18

"The master commended the dishonest steward for his prudence; for the sons of this world are wiser in their own generation than the sons of light"

This steward was a clever rascal. He was a worthless steward and dishonest to boot. When his master finally caught up with him, he used his last few moments in his official position to provide for the future when he would no longer be a steward. To give the devil his due, as a crook he was tops.

In many ways, this may seem a strange parable. But isn't it the truth, that so many times the children of the world apply themselves more energetically to evil than the children of God to good? Just look at the sales job the liquor industry is doing and compare that to the sales job we are doing with the Good News we have to sell. Are we not put to shame? The harlot cares well for her body, and we neglect the care of our soul. It just doesn't make sense, does it? Let's give Christ and His work the very best.

Saturday, August 8
HEARING THE WORD LEADS TO REPENTANCE
Read Luke 16:19-31

"But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'"

The request of the rich man in Hades that Lazarus be sent to warn his five brothers yet on earth, lest they come to this same place of torment, sounds on the surface like a pious wish. But in reality it contains an accusation against God. If only someone had been sent to him, as he now would have Lazarus sent to his brother, he would not be in Hades. If only *he* had been warned where the road he was traveling on would lead him.

Abraham reminds him that he as well as his brothers had Moses and the prophets. Through them, God had revealed His eternal truth. If they rejected these messengers of God, would they accept Lazarus? Those who do not heed Scripture would not be impressed by any miracle of resurrection. Those who reject the Word, reject the one means by which they can be led to repentance. He who is not convinced by the Word will forever remain in unbelief and death.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Ed

DR. LILLO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LUTHERAN HOMES AND HOSPITALS

Dr. W. E. Lillo, head of the department of sociology at Concordia College, has been elected president of the Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society of America, Inc., at their annual meeting in Hot Springs, South Dakota. In addition to the presidency of the Society, Dr. Lillo will also be chairman of the board of directors.

The Society operates forty-five hospitals, five homes for the aged, and the School for Crippled Children at Jamestown, North Dakota. Most of the institutions are located in the Middle West. The organization has a payroll of 1,200 staff members and serves a constituency of two and one half million people in six states. It is supported by all Lutheran groups and the head office is located at Fargo, North Dakota.

Dr. Lillo will continue his teaching at Concordia College, where he has been since 1944. Prior to that time he was professor at Jamestown College from 1935 to 1944 and superintendent of schools at Larimore, North Dakota, from 1925 to 1935. Earlier he had been superintendent at Cavalier, North Dakota, from 1923 to 1925 and at Turtle Lake, North Dakota from 1920 to 1922.

AUGUSTANA OFFERS TRAINING FOR TEACHING OF THE DEAF

A new program is being offered at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, for the academic year 1953-1954 whereby a student can receive training in teaching of the deaf, along with his regular four-year education program.

This new program will enable a student to acquire his B.A. degree, a teaching certificate, plus special training for teaching at the School for the Deaf located in Sioux Falls.

The new course comes as a result of negotiations between the college and local and national leaders in the field of education for the hard of hearing. Augustana will be the only institution within an area of several states where it will be possible for people to secure this training on the undergraduate level, states Dr. L. M. Stavig, president of the college. Also, Sioux Falls is one of the few places where there is within the same city a college and a school for the deaf. This combination of facilities creates an ideal situation, continued Dr. Stavig.

A total of seven courses for teaching of the deaf will be offered throughout the regular four-year liberal arts program. The courses include physiology and pathology of speech and hearing mechanisms, methods of teaching lip reading, and development of sounds and the correction of speech defects in the hard of hearing. Practice teaching will be conducted at the School for the Deaf. Mr. A. S. Myklebust, superintendent of the school, and the members of his staff will teach the courses the first year at Augustana.

Mr. R. W. Flint, principal of the school, pointed out the great demand for trained teachers for the deaf. There are 13 training schools in the United States. Graduates from these schools are unable to supply the 150 deaf schools which exist in this country. As a result of this scarcity of qualified people for this field, regular college students are accepted as teachers and given special teacher training.

Two 1953 Augustana graduates, Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Rhude, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Beresford, S. Dak., respectively, will teach beginning this fall.

PLC PRESIDENT ELECTED TO SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Dr. S. C. Eastvold, president of Pacific Lutheran College, has been elected to the office of president of the Non-Tax-Supported and Independent Colleges and Universities of the state of Washington.

At one of the most vital meetings held by the organization in many years, it was decided that the executive committee should be authorized to incorporate the organization as raising unit with the plan t eleven schools are to approa large corporations and foundati gifts to be divided among th tutions for current and capital ments on a basis of 60 per cent equally among the eleven scho the balance of 40 per cent divi cording to the enrollment.

A special committee was ele prepare a suitable brochure to the cause of the independent to the donors who will be re to support the non-tax-suppor stitutions in the state of Wash

This organization follows o tions of similar kinds now o in more than twenty states union. "Business and industr begun to realize as never befor Dr. Eastvold, "that basic to a ress in America is an enlighte educated citizenship that can ta in positions of great responsib is comparatively easy to pr value of the college-bred man community and the nation," s Eastvold. "Until recently, only cent of our American populati to college. Yet, from this one has come 73 per cent of our leaders."

In support of the importanc independent colleges, Dr. E quoted Volume VI of "Who in America" to say that "the in ent college or university gradu nearly four times the possib gaining distinction as the woman who enrolls in our la supported colleges or universit small church-related colleg made some amazing contribu the making of America. Th given the world some of its leaders. Among the twenty-sev dents of the United States, s were college-bred men, and si the seventeen were educated in related colleges. Our very sy government was framed by m were trained in these colle whose leadership was develope Christian instruction."

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

AUBACH ASKS DUCATIONAL AID

)r. Frank C. Laubach, pioneer mis-ionary educator, called upon Ameri-an private enterprise to continue and :pand the social educational projects egun by the Indian and U. S. govern-nents with the aid of Christian liter-cy specialists. By so doing, he said, American private enterprise can thwart he spread of Communism in India nd other parts of Asia.

Dr. Laubach recently returned to is country from Asia after complet-ng a year's assignment in connection ith Community Development proj-cts in India and Nepal. These proj-cts, he said, were designed to teach ative farmers to step up their food roduction and thus combat starvation. hrough his literacy program, he said, e was able to incorporate these teach-ngs in a reading course for new liter-tes.

ASK APPROVAL OF ANTI-OBSCENITY BILL

Protestant and Roman Catholic spokesmen strongly urged the House Post Office Committee to approve a bill authorizing the Postmaster Gener-al to impound obscene literature sent through the mails. They said the meas-ure was needed to close a loophole in present obscenity laws. The bill, spon-sored by Committee Chairman Rep. Edward H. Rees (R.-Kans.), would allow prompt impounding of the mail of persons believed to be distributing obscene material.

The accused would be guaranteed the right to a legal hearing within five days to submit evidence against the Postmaster's ruling. At present, accord-ng to Mr. Rees, it often takes the Post Office Department months to get court order against a peddler of bscenity. Meanwhile, the peddler con-inues operations.

One of the spokesmen, Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, a Baptist church leader, said Baptists, traditionally suspicious of censorship, nevertheless felt the Postmaster General should have more authority to curb pornography moving through the mails. He added, however, that the government could not hope to battle obscenity effectively without the voluntary help of the community. "The real hope," he said, "is to be found in an informed citizenship."

PROTEST CUT IN RELIEF FREIGHT PAYMENTS

Religious and voluntary agencies have appealed to Congress against a cut of $1,000,000 recommended by the House Foreign Affairs Committee in funds for payment of overseas freight on relief goods sent to countries that get aid under the Mutual Security Program. As a result of the appeals, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted to recommend authorization of the full $1,825,000 asked in the President's budget.

Since 1945, the government has been paying transportation costs on relief supplies contributed by American voluntary agencies on the theory that this is a desirable supplement to the program of government aid. Among the groups who have made representations to Congress for the full overseas freight payments are Church World Service, Lutheran World Service, War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, and several Jewish agencies.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Purdue University's Extension Department is scheduling courses in church ushering. Sessions are to include "Special Ushering Considerations," including such problems as "long-time members, end-pew-sitters, loud talkers, and wanderers." . . . . . The East German government has paid over to the Evangelical Church four million marks representing subsidies for the first quarter of this year. The Communist government had suspended State subsidies to the Church as of last January 1. In calling a halt to its anti-Church campaign earlier this month, the government agreed that the subsidies will be paid promptly.

PROTESTANT LEADERS DISCUSS FOREIGN POLICY

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Representatives of national Protestant organizations are shown following a conference on United States foreign policy at the Department of State. Left to right are: Dr. Charles T. Leber of New York, representing the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; Dr. O. Frederick Nolde of New York, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs; and Dr. Joseph Dawson of Washington, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The meeting included informal talks and discussions led by the new top officials of the State Department. Purpose was to acquaint the organizations with various aspects of current foreign policy.

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PERSONS

Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, accompanied by Mrs. Aasgaard, sailed for Norway June 30, to return in September. Dr. Aasgaard will be attending the meeting of the Executive Committee of The Lutheran World Federation scheduled to meet in Trondheim, and also be present as an invited guest at the festivities commemorating the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Church of Norway as an independent national church, to be held at the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim.

The Rev. Arthur M. Knudsen, formerly pastor of Our Saviour's Church, Muskegon, Mich., was installed June 7 as pastor of Moreland Church, Chicago, by the Rev. H. C. Bakken, president of the Chicago Circuit.

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Malmberg, members during 47 years of Zion Church, Chicago, celebrated their golden wedding at Zion Church June 7.

DISTRICTS

Southern Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn. Bethlehem Church has begun the erection of a new parish house, directly west of the church building. Bethel Church has purchased a site for the erection of a new church; the location is about ten blocks south of the present church.

Northern Minnesota

Benson, Minn. Our Redeemer's Church, which is the result of a merger of two earlier Benson congregations: Our Saviour's and Immanuel, has purchased a site for the erection of a new church in the southeastern part of the city. The former Immanuel Church property has lately been sold, and the former Our Saviour's property may be sold later.

South Central

Elgin, Iowa. A new congregation, taking the name Elgin Lutheran Church, was formally organized in this Fayette County town June 28. Its pastor is the Rev. Vance R. Knutson.

Pacific

Seattle, Wash. June 7 was a memorable day for Denny Park Church, as two sons of the congregation, Stanley Williamsen and Gottlieb Schmitt, were ordained ministers of the gospel; and three weeks earlier another son of the congregation, Luther Gabrielsen (a son of the pastor of the church, the Rev. B. T. Gabrielsen) had been ordained for the chaplaincy in Minneapolis along with other candidates for the same service. This marks the first time in the history of Denny Park Church that three of her sons have entered the ministry practically at the same time. The ordinator on June 7 was District President Foss. Williamsen was ordained on a call to Our Saviour's Church, Tacoma, and Schmitt on a call to Spencer Creek, Oregon.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Knut Boe

Mrs. Bergitte Myhrum Boe, for fifty years a resident of the Outlook community in Saskatchewan, Canada, died June 11, 80 years of age. Born in Fillmore County, Minnesota, April 29, 1873, she came to Saskatchewan in 1903. She is survived by her husband, Knut Boe, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Mrs. G. O. Vik

Mrs. Bertha Johnson Vik, whose husband, the Rev. G. O. Vik, died in 1915, passed away at Excelsior, Minn., June 12, in her 87th year. Funeral services were held at Ellsborough Church, Ruthton, Minn., June 15. Pastors Harold Norheim and Peder Lerseth officiated. She was born Jan. 12, 1867, at Rushford, Minn. She attended the Winona Teachers' College, and taught school seven years. In 1892 she married the Rev. G. O. Vik, who was pastor of the Rosein-St. Peter parish in South Dakota 1892-11 and at Ruthton, Minn., 1912-15. Since 1950 Mrs. Vik lived at Excelsior. She is survived by six sons and 2 daughters, 23 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. S. R. Christensen

Mrs. Kaja Beylegaard Christensen, West New Brighton on Staten Island, N. Y., whose husband, the Rev. Sigvard R. Christensen, died Feb. 17, 1942, passed away June 5. Funeral services were held in Our Saviour's Church in West New Brighton, a parish served by her late husband from 1913 to 1926. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Peter H. Elstad, pastor of Trinity Church in Jersey City, N. J., where Mrs. Christensen held her membership. The Rev. R. O. Sigmond, pastor of the church where the funeral took place, assiste deceased was born in Arenda way, and there she married H band in 1900, prior to their co America, where Mr. Christense ied for the ministry. After his she lived on Staten Island with her daughter, Miss Kaja beth Christensen.

LUTHERAN DEACONES CONFERENCE

The Lutheran Deaconess Co in America, consisting of ni coness institutions, met for gathering June 22-25 at Ev Colorado. Delegates from the Lutheran Deaconess Home we ters Marie Rorem, Marie Idsal Aus, and Shirley Barns, also i lain, the Rev. L. M. Osness.

WESTERN MINNESOTA CH DEDICATES S.S. BUILDI

Our Saviour's Church, Sacrec Minn., parish of the Rev. G Sorenson, dedicated Sunday fc May 31, its new $45,000 edu unit, shown in the picture as ing the church. The rite was a tered by Dr. E. C. Reinertson dent of the Southern Minnes trict. In the afternoon a lar tended confirmands' reunio place, addressed by the Rev. Rossing, Nerstrand, Minn., a pastor of the parish Mr. Sev ning, a member of the class was the oldest confirmand in ance. The new building cont classrooms, a chapel, an a room, and several other rooms gregational use. Its dimensi 75x45 feet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Biennial Convention Brotherhood, ELC, will be January 12-13-14, 1954, at Theological Seminary, St. Pa National Executive Board of th erhood will meet at the Curti Minneapolis, just prior to the tion on January 11.

NOTICE: In response to n requests, we repeat the dates next General Convention of Th gelical Lutheran Church: Ju 1954.

Since the names of pastors dents available for part-time o rary parish work are commo in our office, requests for such may be addressed to us and gladly supply such names as

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For North Shore Visitors: Attention is called to Sunday services held the following ELC churches along e North Shore of Lake Superior: ife River Church (20 miles from uluth) at 11 a.m.; Bethlehem in Two arbors, 9:30 a.m. (both served by the ev. John Reppe); Our Saviour's, Cas- Danger, 9:30 a.m.; Beaver Bay, 11 m.; Zion at Finland, 7:30 p.m. (all rved by the Rev. Teber Hill); Zoar Tofte, 8:30 a.m.; Lutsen, 9:30 a.m.; ethlehem in Grand Marais, 11 a.m.; rinity at Hovland, 8 p.m. (all served the Rev. Rolf Hanson); Our Savur's in Port Arthur, 10 a.m. (served the Rev. Lawrence Likness).

Attention, Colorado Tourists: Estes ark Lutheran Church services, Naional Lutheran Council, every Sunday High School Auditorium: Sunday chool, 8:30 a.m.; Worship service, 00 a.m. Area Lutheran Brotherhood roject. For information write Box 52, stes Park, Colorado.

The Placement Service

The purpose of the Placement Service is to assist in the locating of our people in communities served by the Lutheran Church. The Placement Service has not investigated the merits of the propositions advertised and assumes no responsibility in the matter. Send your ads and communications to The Placement Service of the E.L.C. New address: 303 Times Bldg., 57 S. 4th St., Minneapolis 1, Minnesota. (Refer to ad number in answering.)

FOR SALE

Farms

For sale—small farm in northern Minn. Near good hunting and fishing. If you are looking for a home in the country where you can keep a few cows and chickens, this is it. Near town and ELC church. Priced for quick sale. 320-1A

For sale—80 acre farm in Polk Co., Minn. Good house, garage, fair barn, good water and pasture, 30 acres under cultivation. On mail, milk, and school bus routes. Near Lutheran church. 320-2A

3¾ acres of frontage with small modern house, on large basement. Ideal for berries or cabins. Located on highway, 4 miles from Rochester, Minnesota. Price $6,500. 320-3A

73 acre farm for sale 3 miles from town in Polk Co., Minn. Six room house, barn and other buildings. Lutheran community. Elec. If interested write for particulars. 320-4A

Productive 60 acre dairy farm; good buildings; electricity; phone, school bus routes; Norwegian community near rural ELC church, Fillmore Co., Minnesota. November 1st poss. 320-5A

Very good 160 acre farm in s.w. Minn. Cottonwood Co., three miles from town. Heavy black loam soil over clay. Modern set of buildings, all in good condition. Tiled, level, every foot tillable. 320-6A

40 acres in So. Calif., Riverside Co., where average year around temperature is about 75°. Has olive grove on it, but not buildings. Many chicken and turkey ranches nearby. Norwegian Lutheran church 19 miles away on paved highway. $1,900, full price; $1,000 down payment. 320-7A

Good 80 acre farm for sale in Whatcome Co., Wash. 55 acres cleared, balance in pasture and woodlot. Suitable for dairying and grain farming. Fair buildings, electricity, 2 miles to Lutheran church, 4 miles to town. 320-8A

For sale—six acres in Willamette Valley in Oregon. Six room modern house, electricity and phone. Lutheran community, close to school. Paved highway. Lots of flowers, shrubs, fruits, berries and nuts. All under irrigation. 320-9A

Choice land in the famous Bardo District in Central Alberta, Canada. Improved quarter section, 240 acres, half section, or full section write for further information. 320-10A

320 acre farm, 252 acres under cultivation, centrally located in Alberta, Canada. Near school and market. Graveled road and connected to electric power line, good size dwelling and other buildings. For quick sale at $12,000. 320-11A

320 acre farm, 140 acres under cultivation, all can be brought under cultivation; 4 room dwelling and full line of other farm buildings. Located in Alberta, Canada. Price $7,500. 320-12A

160 acre farm, 130 acres under cultivation, 24 acres more can be broken, 8 room well finished dwelling and full basement, full line of other farm buildings, good well, 20 acres of alfalfa and clover, close to school, post office, and store. Price $5,250. 320-13A

For sale—120 acre farm, 50 acres under cultivation in Bayfield Co., Wisconsin. Close to county seat. One of the better farms in the community. Modern, elec., 5 room house, new barn, other buildings. 320-14A

200 acres in Polk Co., Wisconsin. Near two towns. Fine set of buildings, modern house; elec.; 140 acres in cultivation; best of soil. 2 miles to Lutheran church. Owner's death, reason for selling. If interested write for further information. 320-15A

700 acre dairy or stock farm in Wisconsin. Will take North or South Dakota land in trade. 320-16A

Homes

For sale—beautiful 3 room cottage, log-siding, large porch, fireplace, knotty pine, electricity. Good garage, three acres on lake shore. Norway birch and oak trees. Near Bemidji, Minn. 320-17B

For sale—six unit apartment house, showing a very good income. Southern Minnesota city. Lutheran church. Price $26,000. 320-18B

Businesses

For sale—a restaurant that has a good year around business centrally located in northern Wisconsin town. Completely redecorated; modern in every respect, with counter space, booths, and private dining room; fully equipped kitchen, including "an Anderson Visual Flanorizer"; all in one establishment. Is being offered for sale by owner, for health reasons. 320-19C

For sale—flourishing implement business in northwestern North Dakota. Lutheran community. Home included if interested. 320-20C

For sale—butcher shop and locker plant with small adjoining home in southern Minnesota community. Also includes floor space for a produce business or other suitable rural business. 320-21C

For sale—general merchandise country store and home with garage in Houston Co., Minn. REA power, near ELC church on school bus route. Approx. 60% cash, balance terms. 320-22C

FOR RENT

Man wanted to rent farm and buy in on livestock on 50-50 shares basis. Modern home in northeastern Iowa. 320-23A

WANTED TO RENT

U student and wife desire small unfurnished apartment and private bath in south or southeast Minneapolis. 320-24B

Five room unfurnished apartment heated or unheated. Prefer on the northwest side of Chicago. Lutheran couple with 2 daughters, ages 15 and 8. 320-25B

POSITIONS WANTED

Married man with master's degree desires high school vocal music position in community needing also a church organist or church choir director. Experienced. 320-26E

Experienced banker wishes to locate in Lutheran community. Fifteen years of experience in bank management. Now employed but desires change. Excellent record and references. 320-27E

HELP WANTED

Wanted—Superintendent of nurses in 14 bed hospital in modern eastern North Dakota town. Salary open. Also nurse for night duty. Good living conditions. Predominantly Lutheran community. 320-28F

Wanted—registered nurses at hospital in Roosevelt Co., Montana, 35 bed hospital. General floor duty. 320-29F

Graduate nurses: Openings all services in 186 bed hospital. Salary plus meals and laundry. Vacation, sick leave, automatic increases. Chicago, Illinois. Write for further information. 320-30F

Christian college wants registered nurse with opportunity to study for bachelor's degree on an attractive assistantship. Opening available September, 1953. 320-31F

Wanted—Kindergarten teacher and 1st and 2nd grade teacher. Lutheran elementary day school in Southern California is interested in receiving applications from qualified teachers. 320-32F

Wanted for school year period, cook for cafe serving college students in Northfield, Minn. No Sunday work. 320-33F

Housekeeper wanted to keep house for 2 children and invalid wife. Husband works. Prefer middle-aged single person. Time indefinite. Minnesota. 320-34F

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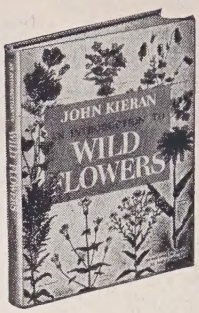

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